



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: Alexander J. Dyakonov

Serial No.: 09/723,585

Filed: November 28, 2000

Confirmation No.: 8519

Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez

Art Unit: 1731

For: **A SMOKING ARTICLE INCLUDING A SELECTIVE CARBON MONOXIDE PUMP**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

In response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as shown. Please extend the period for response by one month up to May 8, 2002. Our check for \$110.00 for the extension fee is enclosed. If any additional fees for the accompanying response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account 501923.

In the Claims:

Cancel Claim 31, without prejudice.

Amend Claims 1, 22, 23, 24, 28, 32, 34, 35, 40, 46, and 47 as follows:

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Replacement Claims in Clean Form

1. (Amended) A smoking article including
- a tobacco column;
 - a wrapper surrounding the tobacco column; and
 - a carbon monoxide pump including an adsorbent material for adsorbing carbon monoxide and subsequently releasing carbon monoxide or a reaction product thereof, thereby creating a flux from the adsorbent material separate from main stream combustion products, wherein the carbon monoxide pump is positioned proximate a smoker's mouthpiece end of the tobacco column with respect to the tobacco column so

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